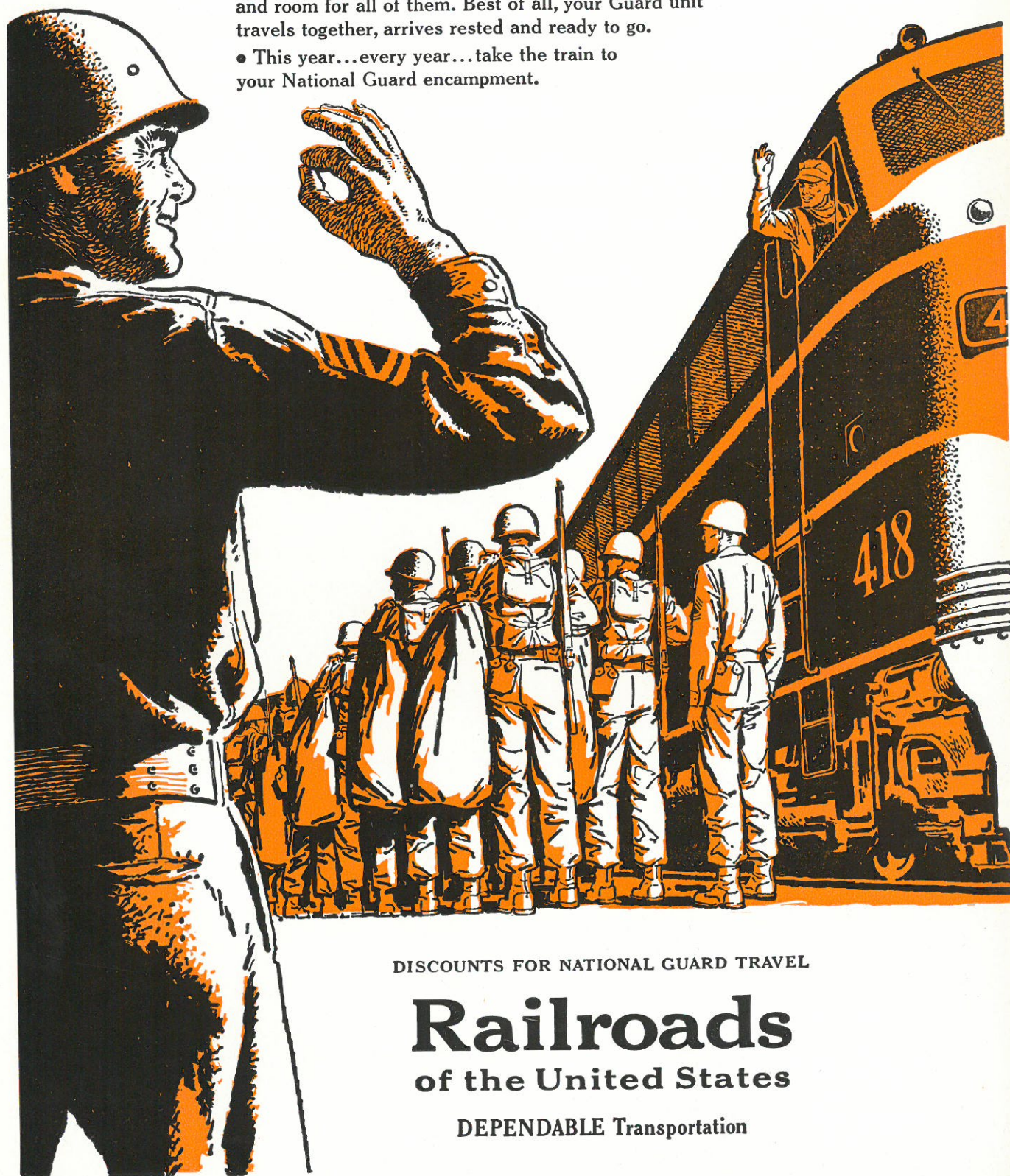


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Among the staff of our Circulation Dept's young ladies eternally busy keeping track of the magazine's mounting list of subscribers, changes of the addresses, and a host of other chores to see that THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN gets to you regularly and on time, is Mrs Phyllis Harris.



Phyllis is just rounding-out her first anniversary at Headquarters. And she and her co-workers well remember that rainy day in Mar '54 when she joined the "family" just after coming East from Portsmouth, Ohio, where she had worked in an atomic plant. Reason for her Washington sojourn is her husband, who had been sent here as an instructor in the US Marine Corps Institute.

Mrs Harris enjoys her chores at filing as well as with the pantograph punch, addressograph, and stenciling. But when her husband is released from the Service, she hopes to return to the Ohio Valley where Mr Harris plans to complete his graduate studies.

Phyllis, a native of Kentucky, fills her off-job time with as much sports activities as she and her husband can work-in. Tennis is her favorite, but she's tops, too, in basketball and badminton.

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This Air Force jet fighter, first piloted plane to be airborne from a "zero-length launcher" (THE NATIONAL GUARDSMAN, Jan 55), may have been blasted into a new era in combat aviation. Use of this launcher, developed by Martin Aircraft of Baltimore, Md, may eliminate the need for front-line airstrips, the Air Force believes.